

# What is Agriculture



**Agriculture is another word for farming.**

## **What is farming?**

Farming is using land or water to grow crops and raise animals, birds or fish for food and other products.

## **What are crops?**

When food plants are grown in large amounts they are called crops. Food plants can be raised to feed the animals on the farm or they can be raised to make into food for us to eat.

- Examples of food plants for animals are corn and grass.
- Examples of food crops for people are strawberries, carrots and cucumbers.



## **What animals, birds and fish give us food and other products?**

Some types of cows are raised to give us milk—these are called dairy cows.

Some types of cows are raised to give us meat and leather—these are called beef cows.

Chickens can be raised for eggs or meat.

Sheep can be raised for their wool or their meat.

## **What is a farm?**

Farming takes place on large areas of land or water called farms. Farms on land will have fields for crops and large buildings called barns to house the animals or birds. Farms on water will have large pens to hold the fish.

## **What is the agriculture industry?**

When you put together all of the people in all of the businesses that work to bring us safe food to eat then you have the agriculture industry.

